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REMARKS

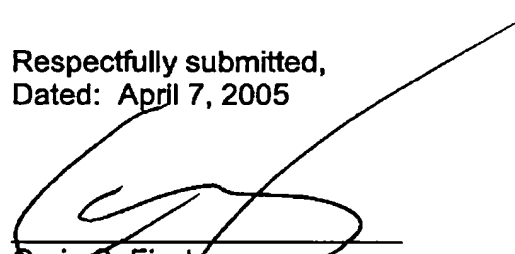
In response to the final Office Action dated February 8, 2005, claims 1, 7, 11, 18, 24, 25 and 27 have been amended and claims 6 and 26 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 3-5, 7-25 and 27 are now in the case. The Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 to place the above-referenced application in condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better condition for appeal. Reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application are requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action stated that "the examiner agrees with the applicant's argument that Brill performs partitioning on a single word, however, the amended claim limitations do not disclose the requirement that the sub-string be comprised of a plurality of words" (Office Action, bottom of page 7 to top of page 8). In this paper, the Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 11 18, 24 and 25 to include the feature that the sub-string is comprised of a plurality of words. The Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered. In light of these amendments, the Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

In an effort to expedite and further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any comments, questions or concerns, wishes to discuss any aspect of the prosecution of this application, or desires any degree of clarification of this response.

Respectfully submitted,
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